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The Ex-Speaker on the Third Term

"Gath" interviewed ex-Speaker Blaine in New York, a few days since, and sends to the Pittsburgh Dispatch Mr. Blaine's views on various public matters, and among others he discusses as follows on the third term question:

"But you know that Grant's faction is bound to run him. Of course he will be beaten by the people, but how can you prevent his nomination when it is sure that he can come to convention with the whole South at his back?"

"I am not sure about that," said Mr. Blaine. "Office-holders serve from a great motive of honor."

from no great motives of honor or personal loyalty. They can be relied upon as long as they are sure of vic-

tory with you, but will desert if they foresee disaster. That was Frank

Pierce's mistake in the last year of his administration. He depended upon his stockholders for a re-nomination.

his officer orders for a re-nomination, and they ascertained his weakness and abandoned him at the last. Men like

Packard, of Louisiana, are not going to support Grant for a third term.

when they see there is no luck in it.—
don't believe he can carry the con-
vention under any ordinary circum-

"But you don't deny that the third

term is really an issue and an intention?"

"Oh! not at all," cried Blaine, "that has been plain enough for sometime. Horace Porter, Babcock, Shepherd

Horace Porter, Dubcek, Shepherd, and others, have doubtless encouraged the idea with the President. Still, at

times, I have had my doubts as to whether he passionately harbored the

purpose. It is printed all over the country that because I did not support but defeated the President's poli-

port but defeated the President's policy on the Force bill and the Arkansas settlement, the President hated me.